



BOARD OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Dear Candidates and Committee Members:

Election season often prompts questions and concerns about placement of political signs. With this letter we would like to ensure that you are familiar with local regulations, policies and practices, which reflect widespread community support to keep rights of way clear of clutter.

Requirements are as follows:

- A special registration must be obtained to place political signs in unincorporated Clark County. Applications are available at no cost from the Department of Community Development, P.O. Box 9810, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver 98666. An application is enclosed with this packet. Mail in applications are accepted or apply at Permit Services - hours are 8 a.m.-noon, Monday to Friday, except Wednesday, when they are open until 4 p.m.
- Signs may not be placed in locations that would constitute traffic hazards. If you are advised by this office of a hazardous placement, please remove the sign at your earliest convenience.
- Political signs must be removed within 15 days of the election. Campaigns with a master map of sign locations and a pickup schedule will find it easier to comply.
- Please avoid displaying political signs that resemble traffic control signs.

In addition to these requirements, it is our custom to request that candidates and promoters of ballot measures voluntarily commit to keep signs out of rights of way. A diagram showing recommended placement along roads is enclosed to assist you in complying with this request. A copy of the commitment form also is included. Please file this form along with your registration application.

If you have any questions, please call the Community Development Department at 397-2375 extention 4080, or visit their office at 1300 Franklin St. in Vancouver.

Thank you for your cooperation and I wish you the best of luck on all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Steve Stuart, Chair

Enclosures

- Registration Application
- Diagram of sign placement
- Rights-of-way agreement

Submit to:
Department of Community Development
Permit Services Division
1300 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA 98666-9810
(360) 397-2375

File No. _____

Date Received _____

APPLICATION/REGISTRATION FOR POLITICAL SIGN PLACEMENT

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby make application under the terms of Section 40.310.010, Clark County Code, to erect political signs.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Date: _____

Approximate number of signs: _____

NAME OF PERSON RUNNING FOR OFFICE OR BALLOT REFERENDUM #

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVAL OF SIGNS

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Approved by the Director of Planning this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

Signature: _____

SIGN PLACEMENT COMMITMENT

The undersigned candidate or committee official hereby agrees that best efforts will be employed to ensure that political signs of such candidate (or ballot propositions) will not be placed within road rights-of-way.

Name of candidate / ballot proposition:

Date:_____ **Signature:**_____

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Placement Diagrams for Political Signs

We discourage the placement of signs over 3 feet in height upon public property. CCC 40.350.030 prohibits placement in such a manner as to obstruct the vision of motorists. Removal of all political signs is required after the election.

Diagram #1

